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PENETRATION DEPTH IN TISSUE AND  
DIAGNOSTIC APPLICATIONS USING SAME

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### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2001, the period for response to which has been extended to September 24, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

### IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly rewrite claims 1, 19, 37, and 51 as follows:

- A/ 1. (Once amended) A method of measuring at least one parameter of a biological sample, said method comprising the steps of: